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SUBJECT: DOWNEY TRIP TO CHINA

REF: A) STATE 076145, B) PEKING 0559

1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF EAST-WEST TRADE, ARTHUR T. DOWNEY, WAS INFORMED BY PRC LIAISON OFFICE COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR CHANG TSIEH-HUA THAT HIS PRC VISA HAS BEEN APPROVED BY PEKING. THE MEETING WAS VERY FRIENDLY AND WHILE THE CHINESE WERE NOT ABLE TO GIVE ASSURANCE TO MR. DOWNEY'S EXPRESSED DESIRE TO VISIT SHANGHAI, THEIR TREATMENT OF THE SUBJECT SEEMED OPTIMISTIC.

2. MR. DOWNEY'S ITINERARY FOLLOWS:

APRIL 19 LV. WASHINGTON, NORTHWEST NO. 3, 1015

APRIL 20 ARR. TOKYO, 1800. RESERVATIONS MADE AT TOKYO HILTON.

APRIL 21 CONSULTATIONS AT EMBASSY; MEETING WITH MITI LV. TOKYO, IRAN AIR, NO. 801, 1700

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ARR. PEKING, 2115

APRIL 22 CONSULTATIONS AT USLO

APRIL 23 CONSULTATIONS AT USLO; WHILE HE WOULD LIKE

MEETINGS WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS, HE RECOGNIZES THIS MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE AND LEAVES MATTER TO USLO'S DISCRETION.

APRIL 24 SIGHT-SEEING

APRIL 25 SIGHT-SEEING

APRIL 26 LV. PEKING FOR SHANGHAI (TRAVEL TO SHANGHAI AND CANTON AND TRAIN TO HONG KONG TO BE ARRANGED AFTER ARRIVAL PEKING)

APRIL 27 LV. SHANGHAI FOR CANTON

APRIL 28 VISIT FAIR, INCLUDING USLO AND NCUSCT SUITES

APRIL 29 TRAIN TO HONG KONG; RESERVATIONS MADE AT HONG KONG HILTON; CONSULTATIONS AT CONGEN.

APRIL 30 LV. HONG KONG FOR HONOLULU, 1200

3. WHILE IN TOKYO, MR. DOWNEY WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH MR. DONALD WESTMORE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE EMBASSY OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHINA. WE HOPE IT WILL ALSO BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH AN APPROPRIATE MITI OFFICIAL. THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF THIS MEETING WOULD BE AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON TRADE WITH CHINA, BUT POST MAY WANT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT MR. DOWNEY'S RESPONSIBILITIES EXTEND TO THE SOVIET UNION AND EAST EUROPEAN ECONOMIES.

4. MR. DOWNEY WILL BE AT THE FAIR ON APRIL 28 AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET AS MANY US BUSINESSMEN AND FAIR OFFICIALS AS POSSIBLE. IF USLO THINKS AFTERNOON RECEPTION FEASIBLE, COMMERCE BELIEVES IT WILL BE ABLE TO DEFRAY EXPENSES. HOWEVER, WE NEED SOONEST ROUGH ESTIMATE OF POSSIBLE COST.

5. MR. DOWNEY WILL BE IN HONG KONG ONLY FOR THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 29. HE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS AT THE CONGEN IN MID-AFTERNOON. KISSINGER

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